

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 • 8:30 a.m. • 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy  
Rep. Edward H. Redd  
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Sen. Luz Escamilla  
President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Rep. Sandra Hollins

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Gary K. Ricks, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

**1. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda**

There was no public input on topics on today's agenda.

**2. Budget Deep-Dive into Newborn Screening Program**

4a-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Newborn Screening Programs

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4b-Newborn Screening - June 20 2017 - Interim Session

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Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, presented an overview of the Newborn Screening Program, explained the Issue Brief and recommendations.

Ms. Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, Utah Department of Health, gave a slide presentation of the newborn screening programs.

Mr. Paul Patrick, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health, discussed the newborn hearing and heart disease testing programs.

Mr. Patrick responded to questions from Rep. Ward regarding reporting of heart disease on birth certificates.

Ms. Borski and Mr. Frandsen clarified the procedure for initiating or changing fees in response to questions from Rep. Kennedy.

Ms. Amy Nance, Program Manager, Utah Department of Health, responded to Rep. Ward's questions related to newborn hearing and birth certificate reporting.

Ms. Nance responded to questions from Rep. Redd regarding screening and testing results.

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Mr. Frandsen offered further clarification with information from the Department of Health.

Ms. Nance and Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director and Medicaid Director, Utah Department of Health, replied to questions from Rep. Chavez-Houck related to services covered by Medicaid such as newborn testing and follow-up.

Mr. Frandsen commented on a question from Rep. Chavez-Houck regarding costs.

Ms. Nance responded to Rep. Chavez-Houck's question related to birth certificate reporting.

Chair Ray commented on the birth certificate reporting in Utah.

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, responded to a question from Rep. Redd regarding whether or not information on birth certificates are of public record.

Chair Ray asked the committee members if there was any action they would like to take at this time. Rep. Redd and Rep. Chavez-Houck responded.

### **3. Update on Utah Medicaid Enhancement**

Mr. Checketts reported on H.B. 437, along with responding to questions from Rep. Ward and Rep. Chavez-Houck.

### **4. Converting to Value-Based Payments**

6-Memo - Medicaid ACO Reports on Efforts to Convert to Value-based Payments

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Dr. David Patton, President and CEO, Molina Healthcare of Utah, commented on the purpose of the coalition and the need for a value-based approach.

Mr. Russ Elbel, Medicaid Program Director, SelectHealth, presented an overview of SelectHealth Community Care. He also responded to a question from Rep. Ward with regard to contracts with physicians.

Members of the coalition group spoke to clarify the contract issue.

Mr. Chad Westover, CEO, University of Utah Health Plans, responded to questions from Rep. Redd.

Mr. Jason Worthen, CEO, Health Choice Utah, commented on Rep. Redd's concerns.

Mr. Westover continued with a presentation on the University's health plans.

Rep. Kennedy asked how to engage with patients.

## **5. Utah Nursing Consortium**

Dr. Dale Maughan, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Nursing, Utah Valley University, offered a historical perspective on nursing concerns.

Ms. Teresa Garrett, Project Director, Utah Nursing Consortium, and Assistant Professor, University of Utah, discussed the program.

Rep. Thurston asked: 1) What efforts have been made in figuring how to get increased throughput, and 2) What efforts have been made to create programs farther down the scale?

Mr. Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, and Ms. Garrett spoke to Rep. Thurston's questions.

Rep. Redd commented on the shortage of adequate professionals and inadequate funds.

Mr. Gessel responded to a concern expressed by Rep. Chavez-Houck of tracking and keeping trained nurses in Utah.

## **6. Comparison of Social Services Recommendations to Final Action Taken by the Legislature**

8-Social Services Priorities Compared to Final Funding - June 2017

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Chair Ray informed the committee that Mr. Frandsen prepared a handout "Report on the Comparison of Social Services Recommendations to Final Actions Taken by the Legislature," that is now available for review.

## **7. Reassessment of Performance Measure for Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness**

Mr. Paul Patrick, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health, along with Mr. Dean Penovich, Director, Emergency Medical Services, discussed performance measures.

## **8. Publicly Funded Web Resources for Provider Quality Comparison**

10-Publicly Funded Web Resources for Provider Quality Comparison - June 2017

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10b-Power Point - DHS - Publicly Funded Web Resources for Provider Quality Comparison - June 2017

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Mr. Checketts briefly discussed posting quality measures related to the Medicaid Program.

Mr. Joel Hoffman, Bureau Director, Health Facility Licensing and Certification, Utah Department of Health, commented on information on the Medicare.gov Nursing Home Compare website.

Mr. Charles Hawley, Analytic Lead, Office of Health Care Statistics, Utah Department of Health, reviewed websites.

Rep. Thurston commented on the need to get quality improvement in the system.

Ms. Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities, discussed information specific to their service system.

Chair Ray informed the committee members that the meeting will reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to adjourn.

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.